

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- The present invention relates to a flexible slider-loading mechanism for an optical drive with interchangeable optical storage media (8). A slider-loading mechanism according to the invention for an optical drive, having a slider (2) which is fastened on a resilient arm (6) and is lowered onto the surface of an optical storage medium (8) and/or raised from the surface of the optical storage medium (8), is characterized in that a loading element (4) which is not connected to the resilient arm (6) is provided, the loading element acting on the resilient arm (6) and causing the slider (2) to be lowered and/or raised. --